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REPLY TO THE ATTENTION OF:

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Dr. Lester D. Grant
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Dear Doctor Grant:

We would like to express our sincere thanks to Dr. Allan Marcus for his tremendous efforts in writing a technical appendix for inclusion in a critical Decision Document for the NL Industries National Priorities List Superfund Site in Granite City, Illinois. Without Allan's hard work and expertise, the Decision Document would have never been completed and residential cleanup work would not have recommenced. This document, signed by the Regional Administrator for Region 5 on September 29, 1995, is the pivotal document in the litigation between the United States and NL Industries et al.

We are aware that Allan had other high priority projects running concurrently with the Decision Document. It is a testament to his abilities that he was able to juggle these priorities and still complete the technical appendix prior to the September 30 deadline. Also, Allan's willingness to incorporate many different comments allowed the document to be both technically sound and understandable to the layman, which is critical.

In addition, we would also like to extend our gratitude for Allan's extra efforts and time spent to explain the complex technical issues to both the technical and legal staff associated with the litigation. We are confident that Allan will serve as an excellent expert witness, if needed, in any upcoming litigation.

Once again, we would like to thank Allan Marcus and commend him on a job well done! If you have any questions concerning this letter, you can contact us at either (312) 886-4742 (Brad) or (312) 886-4745 (Sheri).

Sincerely,

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